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FDA Commissioner
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 01P-0230

Dear Commissioner,

The marketing of transgenic fish for human consumption is premature. Please do not grant the request of Aqua Bounty or any other company to market genetically engineered fish. The fish may present unknown dangers to health and the environment.

The FDA's refusal to require toxicological testing favors the biotech industry and runs contrary to the best interests of the public. In addition to health risks, these large, aggressive fish may very well escape confinement, as often happens with commercially raised fish, and decimate wild stocks, breeding with them and possibly driving them to extinction.

Until the impact of GE salmon and other GE fish has been fully assessed, with the involvement of every federal agency with responsibility for aquaculture, please impose a moratorium on the commercialization of transgenic fish. Should the fish then be approved, they should be labeled.

Sincerely yours,



Rick Browne

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